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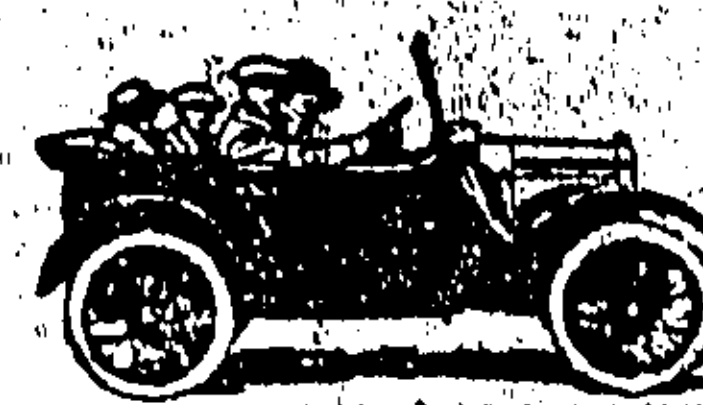
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WHERE ARE THEY?

7,000 VACANT FLATS IN THE COLONY.

JERRY BUILT STRUCTURES.

Fear of Persecution of Tenants.

To the average house tenant the fear of a repeal of the Rents Ordinance, with even "a slight increase" in rents, is viewed with considerable alarm. At the moment it is the most discussed topic in the Colony.

Interviewed by a "China Mail" reporter this morning, a Chinese gentleman who is prominently identified with the Tenants Protective Association, exclaimed: "It is all very well for the landlords to speak of the 7,000 flats now vacant in Hongkong and Kowloon and to put this factor forward as one of their arguments for the repeal of the Rents Ordinance. Where are these flats?—Somewhere out at Kowloon City or Tai Kok Tsui, and mostly jerry-built to cope with the boom of two years ago."

Invited to give a specific instance of how tenants would be persecuted—to use his own phrase—should the Ordinance be repealed, he replied: "In the western district, which is already far enough from town, is a street with fourteen houses on each side. One side was completely taken down about two years ago. Twelve houses are now rebuilt, and each of the three flats is returning a rental of \$60 per month. In some of the ground floors, as many as fifteen families are huddled together, sharing out four rows of wooden bunks. This was once a respectable street, but it has now become an avenue of hovels. In the ground floors referred to, even a sick woman is denied all privacy. On the opposite side of the street the tenants are paying \$20 a flat. Should the Ordinance be repealed they will all be asked to pay \$60 or get out in a month's notice. They will either have to pay or migrate to some remote part of the Peninsula, which means a journey of over an hour to work every morning."

When a query was raised as to why there should be a proportion of vacant new flats, the speaker remarked that there was no denying the fact that quite a number of new flats have been empty for some months. They would remain so if their owners persisted in demanding impossible figures.

Those who cannot pay fancy rentals must perforce crowd together and live in maximum discomfort, he insisted with emphasis.

On the reporter referring to sub-tenancies, the speaker intervened by pointing out that by

repealing the Ordinance, the Government would certainly clip the wings of the profiteering principal tenants, who fleece the sub-tenants. At the same time, incalculable harm would be done to the bona fide occupant who is in the majority.

His solution to the problem lay in taking a plebiscite of the whole Colony, a suggestion that is passed on for the consideration of the authorities.

ONE MORE DAY AND THEN THE START!

To-morrow is the big day for a score or more of persons here in Hongkong. It is going to be one of the biggest days in their lives, for to-morrow they are going to make a start in an enterprise that will hold larger returns for the effort expended than any similar undertaking ever engaged in here before.

To-morrow, Saturday, will mark the official opening of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald's" great Popularity Campaign. To-morrow, those who have enrolled their names in the Club's membership list will begin in earnest to win one of the costly and beautiful prizes offered, including a beautiful Buick Touring Car and a Chevrolet Touring Car. Besides these super prizes, there will be host of others, any one of which will more than repay the effort necessary to win it. In to-morrow's issue of the "China Mail" and in next Sunday's issue of the "Sunday Herald," the names of those who have already been nominated and are in line to win one of the prizes will be published.

Will your name be in that list? If not, why not? Are you holding back because of some false modesty?—because of modest reluctance "to see your name in the paper?"

If that is the case you are holding yourself aloof from distinguished company, for mostly those whose names appear in the paper are the outstanding figures of the world. If they were not, the newspapers would take no notice of their activities. Take England alone. Whose name is one of the best known in the entire realm, because of its constant repetition in the newspapers, but that of the Prime Minister?

In America whose name appears in the newspapers with the greatest frequency? Whose but the President's?

If you are holding back for that reason, therefore, you are simply heeding the narrow views of the minority whose sole reaction to a world of progress and enterprise

is to shrink away from it—a mere handful of old fossils who were born 300 years after their time. Forget them, and enter the fun. Get in where the water is invigorating and fine, strike out boldly on your own for the other shore, the shore where great rewards await you.

Come to the Campaign Headquarters, Room F, 2nd floor, 34 Queen's Road Central, corner of Wyndham Street. Come in and enrol your name as a doer of deeds and prove your popularity, and we will tell you how to make one of these beautiful prizes your own.

NEW PRIZES ADDED TO LIST.

Yesterday we added two new prizes to the already long list, one being a Pathé-Baby Cinema Machine Complete, purchased from the Pathe Orient, 12 Queen's Road Central. The other prize is one Pair of 8-Power German Binooculars, purchased from and on display at N. Lazarus, Opticians, 12 Queen's Road Central. These beautiful prizes enhance the already long list of prizes, quality being the first essential.

As already explained in the "China Mail," you can start in the race, for one of these fine prizes, with 70,000 votes to your account by merely inducing one of your friends or acquaintances to subscribe to the "China Mail" at the regular rate of \$36 for one year, and once started the votes pile up with amazing rapidity. Others have already enrolled, and are busy obtaining votes for themselves. From all along the line reports come back of the amazing ease with which they are making headway. Everywhere contestants are discovering that the newspaper readers want the "Sunday Herald" and "China Mail," and are merely waiting to have a suggestion for a subscription put before them in concrete form.

To-morrow is the BIG day. Make it YOUR big day. You will be happy if you do, and you will regret it if you don't.

BOOKKEEPING LAW.

Important Ruling in the Philippines.

BLOW TO THE CHINESE.

THOUSANDS MAY LEAVE THE ISLANDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Manila, February 6.

The Philippine Supreme Court has ruled that the so-called Bookkeeping Law, a constitutional, thereby confirming the Legislature's discriminatory legislation of two years ago, which was aimed at Chinese retailers in the Philippines, many thousands of whom will be

FLIER SAVED AFTER DROP INTO RIVER.



Sergeant Turner, who was rescued from the waters of the Hudson River by Amelio Conte, a cook, after his biplane developed engine trouble, had plunged 3,000 feet into the Hudson River. Turner clung to the plane, and another man, who declined to reveal his name, came to his aid. Later, three had thawed out, Turner, (shown in rear), Conte and his other rescuer, who saw the scene of the mishap to see what could be salvaged from the wrecked plane.

affected and probably forced to leave the Islands, unless the United States Supreme Court affords relief. The law passed two years ago, contrary to the wishes of Governor Wood, provided that merchants' accounts must be kept in English, Spanish, or the native dialect.

CHINESE PROTEST.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

Manila, February 6.

The Chinese merchants and the Chinese Consul-General, protested and succeeded in postponing the enforcement of the Law until the Court had decided its legality. Five Justices concurred and two dissented.

A few German and French houses may be affected, though the Chinese will be the principal sufferers. The law will require Chinese merchants to employ larger staffs of translators and accountants, and will incidentally furnish jobs for natives.

NEW G. O. C.

MAJOR-GENERAL C. C. LUARD ARRIVES.

GUEST OF SIR JOHN FOWLER

Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., who is to take over command of the forces in China, arrived in the Colony this morning.

He was met on board the s.s. Malwa by Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., Major L. Chevenix-Trench, C.M.G., D.S.O., Captain R. R. Neville, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor; Capt. J. Macready, D.S.O., and Lieut. D. A. Searle, A.D.C. to H.E. the G. O. C.

Major-General Luard accompanied Major-General Fowler to the General's House, where he will be the latter's guest until the departure of General Fowler to-morrow. General Fowler will leave Murray Pier at for the s.s. "Mores" at 10.45 a.m.

N. Y. K. SHIP FIRE.

"ALTAI MARU" BEACHED NEAR BELAWAN.

CARGO GREATLY DAMAGED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, February 6. The "Alta Maru," which caught fire near Belawan, has been beached.

Extensive damage was suffered by the cargo.

The bridge superstructure collapsed and two men were killed.

CANTON BATTLES.

FIRST BLOW IN FOR PRO-SUN FORCES.

SHEKLUNG CAPTURED.

Chan Kwing-ming's Outposts Withdraw.

As reported by the "China Mail" earlier in the week, the campaign between the two rival factions striving for the control of Canton has commenced.

It is this campaign which some predicted, before China New Year, would result in the reinstatement of General Chan Kwing-ming, in power at the capital of Kwangtung Province.

With the experience of previous petty wars in China to serve as warning, it is necessary to accept

Fighting is not likely to be confined to the East River as Lin Fu—General Chan Kwing-ming's ally—is reported to have commenced an encircling movement down the North River, where he will meet the Yunnanese encampments.

A feature of the fighting is the sending from Canton, to the side of the pro-Sun armies, of a number of armoured waggons, possibly to counteract the temporary advantage held by the other side in their motor-buses.

Possession of the railway will not count for very much in the East River campaign, but both sides maintain that they are taking up the offensive along the railway.

FIGHT TO THE DEATH.

(From An Occasional Correspondent.)

Canton, February 5.

Spurred warfare on the East River sector has been promised for the week-end. Anti-Sun propagandists who have reached Canton give out that Chan Kwing-ming's men have been preparing for this fight to the death, and that should he desire it, his advance troops could be in Canton in 48 hours, but he is delaying his grand offensive for fear that his troops may break out in looting.

In the skirmishes that have taken place to date, there have been spasmodic movements of men in the opposing armies with little accomplished.

Shenkung was yesterday in the hands of the Canton forces, but a reliable source says that they will hold on for the time being until Chan's shock troops are expended. Meanwhile, Chan's armies are coming down the East River, but dividing up in two directions rather than counter-attacking Shenkung.

Trade has not been affected to any appreciable extent, as conditions cannot become much worse than at present.

DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

NO CHANGE REPORTED FROM PEKING.

PEKING, February 5.

The bulletin, issued to-day by the Peking Union Medical College, states the condition of Dr. Sun Yat-sen remains unchanged. His temperature is normal and pulse 120.—Reuter.

[Mr. Byrd, of Hongkong, has received a private telegram from Peking stating: Grateful for message: Dr. Sun Yat-sen improving remarkably.]

CHINESE ART.

EXHIBITION OF PICTURES AT "HAPPY VALLEY."

All who are interested in art should certainly see Mr. Ko K'ei-fung's fine collection of pictures. One feels that here is the true artist able not only to express, but also to convey his meaning to others.

The ferocity of wild life so forcibly set forth in his "Eagle and the Sea," "Lion," "Tiger," "Monarch of the Wild," and "Howling through the Wild" contrasts vividly with the calm beauty of such compositions as "Morning Breeze" and "A Fading Moon," where one almost shivers in the cold white light and enfolding mist.

One specially arresting picture, entitled "Miles," shows an eagle whose piercing eye gazes downward into space.

His handling of fur and feathers displays marvellous dexterity in brushwork and tenderness of feeling—his "Phoenix on the Red Hill" lives! "At Ease in the Woods" and "At its Highest" are two of the particularly fascinating bird studies.

The pictures are not for sale, and entrance to the exhibition is free.

The exhibition is open daily this week from 10 to 5.30, closing on Sunday, and, being held in the school on Fung Fai Terrace, is easily reached from the Happy Valley tram terminus.

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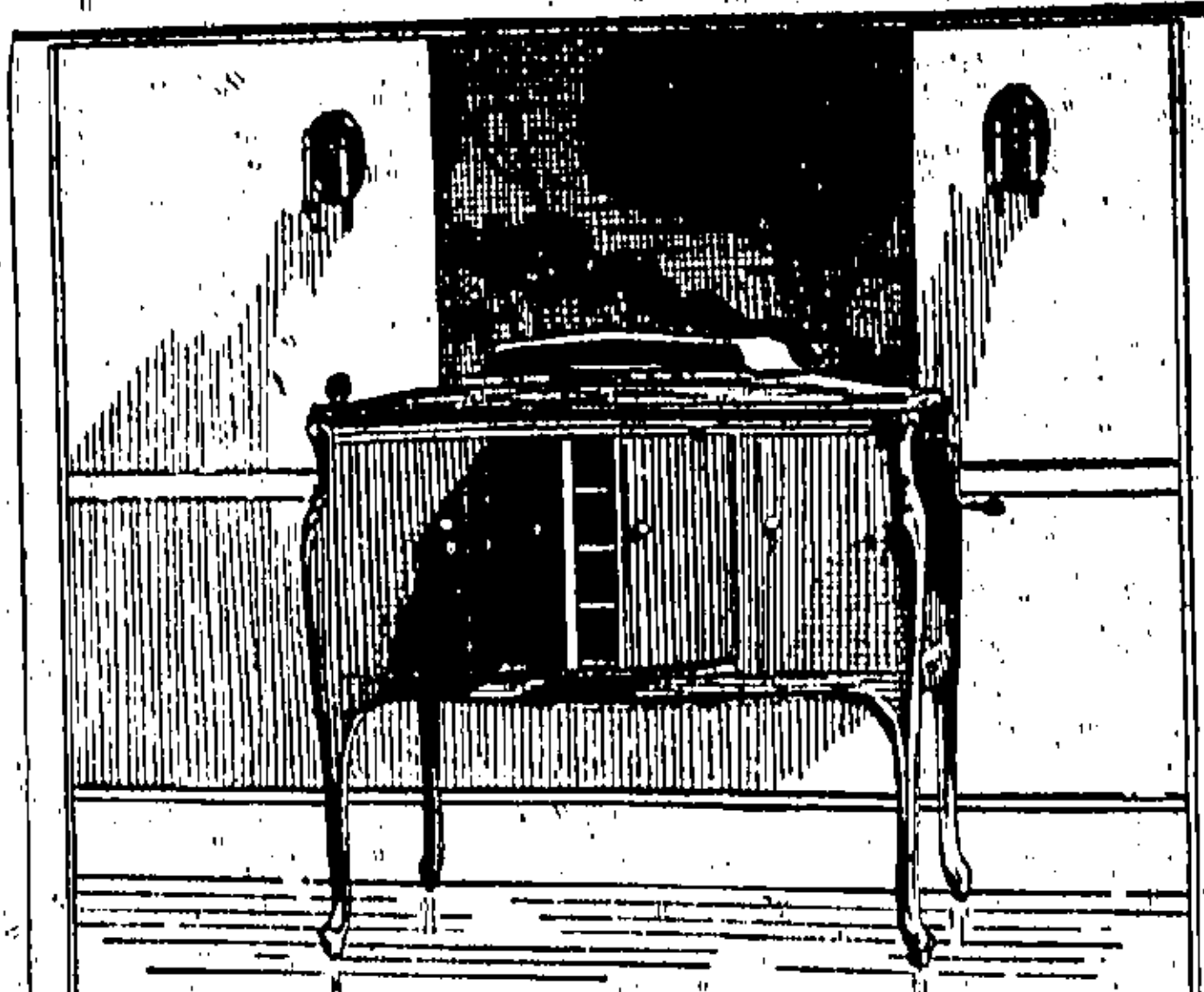
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BIRTH.

UMPLEBY.—At Shanghai, on
 January 30, to Captain and
 Mrs. Umpleby, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MECKLENBURGH—JAMESON.
 —At the Peak Church, on
 Thursday, 5th February, by
 the Rev. H. Copley Moyle,
 Horace Leslie, second son of
 the late Samuel Mecklenburgh
 and Mrs. Mecklenburgh, of
 Bristol, England, to Phyllis
 Beatrice, the only daughter,
 of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. D.
 Jameson, of London.

POTTER—TSHERNOFF.—At
 H.B.M. Consulate-General,
 Shanghai, on January 31,
 Henry Edward Potter, son of
 the late W. Potter, of Dover,
 England, to Elizabeth
 Tshernoff, of Ider, Russia.

DEATHS.

BENNETTS.—At the French
 Hospital, on Friday, February
 6, Jack Bennetts, Stockton on
 Tees, late of Madeline
 Rooster Co., aged 40. (Lon-
 don and Shanghai papers
 please copy.)

D'OLIVEIRA.—At Shanghai, on
 February 1, Wenceslaus
 Martins D'Oliveira (Aldi), of
 the Chinese Postal Service,
 aged 50.

PACKWOOD.—At Shanghai, on
 January 31, Cleo Patrecia
 Packwood, aged 2 years and
 8 months.

RENTS AND A MORAL.

Piracy, traffic control, harbour
 schemes, the military lands, educa-
 tion—every local problem pales
 before the burning question of
 housing, which has once more
 resolved itself into the question,
 Shall the Rents Ordinance be
 renewed or shall it be allowed to
 lapse? This is only natural. For
 whatever interest your average
 citizen may take in the other
 topics "of the day nothing" more
 closely affects his outlook than his
 own home. Two successive
 Governments in the Homeland,
 one Conservative and the other
 Labour, learned this to their bitter
 cost. Both achieved notable
 success in the field of foreign
 affairs, but both failed to solve
 the perennial housing problem.
 Both therefore paid the price in
 their downfall. The moral does
 not of course apply wholly in
 Hongkong, where the life of the
 Government does not depend upon
 the verdict of the populace, but
 it does apply to a certain extent,
 since in these days of government
 with the consent of the governed,
 even a Crown Colony cannot con-
 sistently ignore the feelings of its
 inhabitants as a whole. Evidently
 realising this, the Government is
 leaving the answer to the ques-
 tion, "Shall the Rents Ordinance
 be renewed?" largely to public
 opinion, the decision depending,
 we are led to infer, upon an open
 discussion in the Legislative Coun-
 cil. This course is an eminently
 wise one, for, as we have noted
 above, nothing concerns the man-
 in-the street more than his own
 home. Doubtless the man-in-the-
 street will not find it hard to make
 out a good case in favour of the
 Rents Ordinance being renewed,
 and doubtless, too, his arguments
 will not escape criticism. The
 whole matter is so involved that
 cautious observers will hesitate to
 give an unqualified opinion with-
 out first examining every side of
 the problem. However, as one
 contribution to the discussion it
 can be said with every safety that
 until political troubles cease to
 disturb Canton there will always
 be tenants in Hongkong who will
 need protection from the hardship
 of exorbitant rents. But how far
 the Rents Ordinance, looking to

the fact that Canton is likely to
 be disturbed for years to come,
 can be called a just measure or an
 interference with legitimate
 enterprise, is of course another
 question.

Can't Sink Ships!

A serious charge is made by a
 Democratic member of the House
 of Representatives against certain
 high Navy Department officials,
 who are accused of deliberately
 trying to mislead the American
 public as regards the facts con-
 cerning the bombing of the battle-
 ship "Washington". He had been
 informed by the Navy Department
 that no explosive bombs were
 used; but the contrary impression
 was allowed to go out, "to lead
 Americans to believe that the
 "Washington" could not be sunk
 by air." In giving evidence before
 the Committee of the House of
 Representatives which is investi-
 gating aircraft problems, nearly
 two months ago, Major-General
 Patrick, Chief of the Army Air
 Service, said that tests on the hull
 of the battleship "Washington"
 proved that the army bombing
 craft were obsolete, and should
 be replaced by bigger and more
 powerful planes which would be
 effective against modern enemy
 capital ships. The United States
 had developed types of bombing
 planes which equalled any in
 the world, but the majority of the
 bombers now in service were of
 an older type. General Patrick
 pointed out that a race between
 battleship designers and makers
 of aircraft and aircraft bombs was
 in progress, similar to that which
 had gone on for years between
 armour for battleships and armour
 piercing projectiles for great naval
 rifles. Bombs of a size that could
 be carried by the present-day
 army bombers were of sufficient
 power to sink or cripple any battle-
 ship of a pre-Jutland type, he said,
 but the experiments against the
 post-Jutland "Washington" had
 made it obvious that more power-
 ful and heavier bombs would be
 required. The General's statement
 was in line with that made by
 Secretary Wilbur to the House
 Naval Appropriations Sub-Com-
 mittee in urging that funds be
 made available to strengthen the
 decks and install blister protection
 on pre-Jutland battleships of the
 American fleet. Details of the
 experiments conducted against the
 "Washington's" hull have never
 been revealed by the Navy Depart-
 ment, which regards the data as
 highly confidential. General
 Patrick's statement, however,
 threw additional light on the
 subject, as there had been no
 official announcement that the
 ship had been attacked from the
 air with heavy bombs, and had
 withstood the attack. She was
 sunk by the big guns of the battle-
 ship "Texas".

WAR MEDALS.

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the Rev. R. H. Copley Moyle, and

the Rev. G. R. Lindsay and Mrs.

Lindsay, the Rev. N. A. Peel, Mr.

and Mrs. W. A. Patterson and Miss

Patterson, to St. Paul's House,

where they were welcomed by

Archdeacon and Mrs. Barnett.

THE DICKENS LINK.

BY W. PETT RIDGE.

Doughty Street, London, runs
 south to north, parallel with
 Gray's Inn Road, and ends near
 the Foundling Hospital. It is
 a broad thoroughfare with houses
 of the Georgian type, and at
 Number Forty-eight, a tablet in-
 dicates association with the
 name of Charles Dickens. It was
 here that he wrote the last
 monthly numbers—"almost as
 the periodical occasion arose"—of
 the jolliest book the world has yet
 known, *Pickwick Papers*. Here
 he set down in his neat penman-
 ship *Oliver Twist* and *Nicholas
 Nickleby*. Here he entertained
 the friends he had made thus
 early in his wonderful career—
 MacLise, David Wilkie, Sergeant
 Talfourd, Macready. And here
 he relished a successful and joy-
 ous period in domestic life and in
 literature.

All this happened close upon
 ninety years ago, and Charles
 Dickens still remains the most
 effective link between Great Bri-
 tain and the English speaking
 folk in distant lands. Visitors
 come to London and, knowing his
 books by heart, wish to see the
 places of which he wrote. The
 Dickens Fellowship has branches
 so far away as Brisbane, Winni-
 peg, Sierra Madre, and these
 send regular messages announc-
 ing progress and activities. I
 happen to be President of the
 Fellowship for the year, but this
 must not be taken as a fair exam-
 ple of the selections made; the



list of my predecessors includes
 such names as Sir Luke Fildes,
 G. K. Chesterton, Sir Frederick
 Macmillan, Sir Walter Lawrence;
 amongst the Vice-Presidents are
 Lord Rosebery, Viscount Burn-
 ham, Sir J. M. Barrie, Sir Arthur
 Pinero, John Galsworthy, H. G.
 Wells. All these groups, and all
 these people, find themselves
 brought together by an open and
 unaffected love for the work of
 the novelist. What the Fellow-
 ship has lacked hitherto has been
 a rendezvous, a place for en-
 counter, a Dickens home.

The chance having arrived,
 prompt advantage has been
 taken. The freehold of Forty-
 eight Doughty Street is secured,
 and the large dwelling—in very
 good condition, by the bye—has
 prepared itself for the housing of
 Dickens relics, Dickens books,
 Dickens manuscripts, Dickens
 pictures—"everything in short
 that has any connection with the
 great man's books and himself. I
 think I can see a line of inquirers
 forming up in Doughty Street, a
 steady attendance of visitors
 eager to review the treasures. I
 like to imagine parties setting out
 from there, on summer mornings,
 to make a tour that will increase
 their knowledge, and give them
 pleasant memories. It has been
 said of Londoners that we all meet
 each other, sooner or later, at
 Charing Cross station; a safer
 prophecy will be that every
 Dickens lover will find a con-
 genial spirit and a ready com-
 panion at Doughty Street.

I may as well be candid and
 admit that money is required. In
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It remains for me to say that
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 Fleet Street, London, and that I
 shall be more flattered than I can
 express if you respond generously
 and promptly to my invitation.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RENTS FEARS.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir—I sympathise with your
 correspondent "Young Husband"
 who, I should gather, is one of the
 newly weds who has had to take
 the only accommodation which is
 available for such in the present
 state of the market—a flat in
 Kowloon which was really not
 built for Europeans and the rent
 of which is more than it ought to
 be and often more than the
 occupants can afford to pay.

He, of course, is outside the
 provisions of the Ordinance and
 was not therefore greatly concern-
 ed with the effect its withdrawal
 would have on "Young Husbands"
 who are in protected houses, but
 as he appealed to the Council mem-
 bers to take note of his plea on
 the grounds of fellow-feeling he
 should not be without sympathy
 for these. There's no getting
 away from the fact that the rich
 refugee who has found Hongkong
 a place to his liking would be a
 much better tenant from the
 landlord's point of view than the
 men such as your correspondent
 indicated with a salary of between
 \$400 and \$800 a month and if it
 were possible he would get rid of
 the latter in favour of the former
 without a moment's hesitation.

It's no good grumbling over
 what might have been, I suppose,
 but although it raises all sorts of
 bitter questions I for one don't
 see what there is to object to in
 a reservation. It is obvious at
 any rate that houses have got to
 go up somewhere and it is
 interesting to recall the statement
 of the chairman at a recent Com-
 pany meeting "Your directors feel
 that there is a want for this type
 of house as there must be a lot of
 people in this Colony who would
 prefer to retire to a home in the
 suburbs after the day's toil is
 over, where living and atmos-
 pherical conditions are healthier,
 away from the din and the noise
 of the City."

Some of us would like to, but
 even with the schemes there are
 afoot for helping the man who
 will put up a house the initial
 capital required is beyond us.
 And then there is transport. It
 requires money even to get and
 run a Ford! What surprises me
 is that more men of affluence don't
 get houses put up for themselves.
 The ones who could most afford
 these suburban homes won't
 "catch on," and it is a pity in
 more ways than one for they would
 make more room in the City for
 those who can't afford to get out.
 However, I suppose even people
 who have been in Hongkong for
 the greater part of their lives
 don't like to feel themselves too
 tied here.

Yours, etc.,

"ANOTHER Y. H."

Hongkong, February 5.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—As one of the "newly
 comes," but not "newly weds," to
 the Colony, I have been forced to
 take an interest in the rents ques-
 tion because of its personal
 application. Your correspondent
 in yesterday's "China Mail" went
 out of his way to make a plea for
 the lucky chaps drawing between
 \$400 and \$800 a month. What of
 the less fortunate new-comers
 far removed from that \$800? Are
 they not more at the mercy of
 those people who rent flats and
 then sub-let them at a huge profit?
 Let a return be made and pub-
 lished of the rents charged by
 landlords and the rents charged
 for the same premises to sub-
 tenants.

The result might come as a
 revelation!

Yours, etc.,

ONE OF THE "FLATS."

Kowloon, February 7.

AVIATOR'S FATE.

MR. R. EARNSHAW'S BODY
 RECOVERED.

FUNERAL POSTPONED.

The body of Mr. Reginald
 Earnshaw was recovered from the
 sea yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock
 after having been in the water for
 twelve days.

The Water Police had been
 carrying on an incessant search
 from the day following Mr.
 Earnshaw's landing in the
 sea with his parachute,
 and subsequent disappearance.
 The long search was fruitful
 yesterday when Inspector Bond
 found the body floating near the
 spot where the landing was made.
 At the time of the discovery of
 the body, it was found that the
 right leg was entangled in one of
 the cords of the parachute, which
 is still at the bottom of the sea.

The funeral was to have taken
 place this afternoon, the cortege
 passing the monument at 5 o'clock
 but has been postponed, unavoid-
 ably, till to-morrow at 11 a.m.

PIRACY MENACE.

MINORITY REPORT UNDER CONSIDERATION.

GOVERNMENT RETICENT.

Problem for Admiralty in London.

Keen interest has been evinced in the proposed measures for dealing with the piracy menace and there has been much speculation as to the next steps to be taken by the Government of Hongkong.

It is only a week since the minority report of the Committee which considered the question of piracy prevention was issued, and in view of the revolutionary nature of the changes proposed by that report, it is not expected that anything definite will be decided for some time.

The reply to a "China Mail" reporter's query made in official circles this morning was that the report was under consideration, but that the time was not opportune to make any statement as to the Government's attitude.

The Admiralty, for instance, have not had time to consider the proposals, and what they would involve, or to communicate their views on the matter to the Government. The reply given there to the "China Mail" (this morning was that the Admiralty at Home would have to be consulted before anything could be decided.

This means to say that, even in the event of the Navy assuming entire responsibility for the protection of merchant shipping, as they have been asked to do, it will be some time before the recommendations can be given effect to. In the Committee's report it was stated that that portion of H.M. Naval

forces now stationed in adjacent waters is not adequate for the many and varied duties which devolve upon it, and it is to be presumed that new craft will have to be built and manned if the Naval patrols are to come into being.

It would appear that the next step lies with the Naval authorities, and, whilst in the meantime "under consideration" can be taken to mean that as many views as possible on the matter are being obtained, no definite scheme can be formulated until the Admiralty has signified what they are prepared to do.

ANOTHER MISTAKE.

INDIA'S LATEST TROUBLES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Delhi, February 5. In spite of the opposition of the Government, whose spokesmen, Sir Charles Innes, pointed out that interference by the Assembly with the details of railway administration would mean the doom of the railways, the Assembly without division passed a resolution requesting the Central Railway Advisory Committee immediately to inquire into the grievances of subordinate officials of the railways.

STEAMER ON FIRE.

GOOD WORK BY CANTON BRIGADE.

The Canton river steamer "Tung On" (Captain A. W. Muir) of the Tung On S.S. Company was the scene of an outbreak of fire shortly before she was due to leave Canton on Wednesday night.

The fire was first reported to the captain at 1.15 p.m. and the ship's fire equipment was immediately brought into action. Owing to the nature of the cargo in No. 2 hold, where the fire had broken out, heavy clouds of smoke were thrown up, which gave the impression that the fire was considerably worse than was actually the case.

With the aid of the Canton Fire Brigade the crew soon subdued the outbreak.

There were only 30 packages of cargo in the hold at the time, consisting of cotton wool, sunflower medicine and a few bags of coke, and it was the former which had been responsible for the smoke cloud. Only a few packages had been damaged by fire and water, whilst the hull and hatches were merely scorched.

The "Tung On" left Canton at 6 p.m. with the majority of her original passengers on board, the few who had become frightened having transferred to the s.s. "Charles Hardin." Both ships arrived here safely a little after midnight.

DEPORTED SOLDIERS.

POSITION AT TSINGTAO.

(By Courtesy of "Daily Bulletin")

TSINGTAO, February 5. Receipt of a telegram from the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce announcing the intention to deport 8,000 more soldiers to Tsingtao is causing consternation here, as Tsinan is not likely or willing to receive more deportees.

The local Chamber of Commerce here called an emergency meeting to-day to discuss what steps it is possible to take to prevent these soldiers coming here.

SHANGHAI ARSENAL.

CHINESE CHAMBER TAKE OVER.

SHANGHAI, February 4. A delegation from the Shanghai Chinese Chamber of Commerce visited the arsenal this evening, accompanied by the Minister for War from Peking, and took over the building.

The ceremony was entirely without incident.—Reuter.

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POPULAR ARTISTE DEAD.

MR. JACK BENNETTS.

HEART TROUBLE PROVES FATAL.

The public will learn with regret that Mr. Jack Bennetts, a popular member of the Madeline Rossiter Company, died at the French Hospital this morning from heart trouble which was brought to a head at the first performance given in Hongkong last Monday week.

The affection of the heart was of some duration, but it had not troubled Mr. Bennetts on the tour until the conclusion of the concerts that were given in Singapore a few weeks ago, when he had a collapse which gave cause for alarm on the part of his friends.

Mr. Bennetts insisted on accompanying the others to Hongkong, and even when it was pointed out to him that it would be dangerous to take part in anything involving strain he begged to be allowed to give his usual items, (he was an accomplished pianist and singer). During Monday's performance a doctor was in constant attendance in the wings.

Mr. H. Tobias, who sponsored the Madeline Rossiter Company, told a "China Mail" representative this morning that Mr. Bennetts was well known in the leading London music halls, and that it would be endeavored to arrange a benefit concert for his wife and three children at Stockton-on-Tees on the return visit of Madeline Rossiter to Hongkong. The funeral takes place this afternoon leaving the French Hospital at 5 p.m.

SIR HARRY LAUDER.

HIS VISIT TO HONGKONG.

Sir Harry Lauder commences his first Hongkong season at the Theatre Royal on Tuesday next, and it is expected that this will be his last appearance in this part of the world. Though he has never been singing better and his humour is as rich as ever, the great Scottish comedian feels that he could now do with a little leisure, and it is understood that he will spend the rest of his life on his fine estate not far from Glasgow, where he has a fine farm and goes in for stock breeding. Probably he would have retired earlier but for the death of his only son at the War, which drove him to seek in travel some solace for his grief.

Box plans for Sir Harry's season are now on view at Moutrie's.

WISH WYNNE.

COMING TO THE STAR ON TUESDAY.

Mr. Edgar Warwick is bringing Wish Wynne and her talented company to the Star Theatre on Tuesday next for a short season, and, in view of the immense popularity of Wish Wynne, it is advisable to book seats early.

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CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

As the result of a collision between a motor car and a rikisha at the junction of Connaught Road Central and Queen Victoria Street yesterday, the rikishapuller was injured in the leg and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

A Chinese woman, aged 86, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries sustained in a tramcar accident at Connaught Road Central.

As the result of a fall, a conductor of an Aberdeen motor bus was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday with a fracture of the skull.

A BIG FIRE.

SIXTEEN HOUSES DESTROYED.

It is reported by a Sub-Inspector of Police at Chuenchau that on the afternoon of Wednesday sixteen houses were destroyed by fire at Yeungshuiwan, Lama Island.

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DRUNK OR EXCITED?

"SKYLARKING" AND ITS SEQUEL.

COURT-MARTIAL TO-DAY.

"How did you tell I was drunk?"—a question nearly always cropping up in prosecutions and bringing most surprising answers—was put by the accused at a District Court Martial at Murray Barracks this morning to one of the witnesses who described the man's walk as "unsteady."

Corporal H. J. Short, 1st Batt. East Surrey Regiment, was charged with drunkenness before a court comprising Bt. Major T. C. Greenwood, R.A., Captain Hey, 24th Bombay Grenadiers and Lieut. Hawke, R.A., Captain Lugard, East Surrey Regiment, prosecuted, and Lieut. Yeo, East Surrey Regiment, acted as prisoner's friend.

Cpl. Simson, who was Battalion Orderly Sergeant at Murray Barracks on the night of January 26, was the first witness for the defence. He stated that he was called to the Corporals' Room, where accused was catered. A disturbance had taken place and accused was drunk. Witness reported to the warrants officer in waiting who ordered accused to be placed under close arrest.

Cross-examined by accused, witness said that when accused was warned that he was placed under close arrest, he put on his cap, buttoned up his collar "correctly," and walked unassisted to the guard-room.

Sergeant Puttick, who was policeman non-commissioned officer that night, spoke to receiving accused in the guard room. Witness maintained that accused was not wearing his hat or coat and was drunk. The question as to ascertaining his being drunk was put to this witness by accused.

Several witnesses were called for the defence. It had been admitted by witnesses for the prosecution that there had been some "skylarking" in the Corporals' Room and that it was possible that accused might have become excited as a result of the "fun."

Cpl. Chase told the Court that there was a civilian in the room before 9.30 that night (the time of arrest) and that accused tipped the civilian out of a chair. An argument ensued, but accused was not drunk.

This witness said he was aware of the fact that accused had a large sum of money in his possession at the time.

Accused maintained that he did not know what he was charged with until he faced his company commander at Lower Camp the next morning. The next morning he found his right breast pocket "gaping open" and the money gone. A lance-corporal military policeman who entered the guard-room at 11.40 p.m., saw the coat of accused on the back of his bed but accused was asleep at that time. A search of the Corporals' Room was made by this witness with accused the next morning, but the money was not found.

At this stage the court adjourned. Its finding will be promulgated.

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

ENJOYABLE MUSICAL.

A programme of music and song, which was greatly appreciated, was provided at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening.

The musical opened with a piano solo, Minuet in G (Paderewski) by Mrs. Hattersley Smith, who later rendered Roger Quilter's "Two English Dances."

Mrs. Fleming sang "The Magic of your Voice" and "There's a Land." Soprano solos by Mrs. Stanley Collett included "Far off Tide," "Well-a-day" and "Sing Joyous Bird."

Mr. T. H. Piercy gave two baritone solos, "The Blind Ploughman" and "Song of the Wild."

Two tenor solos, "Molly Bannigan" and "We'll Go No More a-Roving," were sung by Mr. D. M. Richards.

CHINESE NAVY.

OFFICIAL CHARGES.

PEKING, February 5.

The Cabine meeting to-day resolved that Admiral Yang Shou-chuang should succeed Admiral Tu Hsi-kuei as Commander-in-Chief of the Navy. Admiral Li Ching-hai will succeed Admiral Yang Shou-chuang as Commander of the Training Squadron; Rear Admiral Hsu Chien-ting will replace Admiral Li Ching-hai as Commander of the Second Squadron; while Admiral Chen Chi-liang will take command of the First Squadron from Admiral Chow Chou-kui, who is relieved of his post.

WEDDING ON THE PEAK.

MECKLENBURGH-JAMESON.

Although neither of the parties were local residents, there was a large attendance of the bridegroom's colleagues in the Hongkong office of the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., at the wedding yesterday afternoon at the Peak Church of Miss Phyllis Beatrice Jameson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. D. Jameson, of Finchley, London, and niece of the late Mr. Percy Ogden, of the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., London, to Mr. Horace Leslie Mecklenburgh, son of the late Mr. Samuel Mecklenburgh and Mrs. Mecklenburgh, of Bristol. The bridegroom is the manager of the British-American Company's Swatow branch.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. F. A. Perry, manager of the British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd., Hongkong, was charmingly attired in silver lace over a complete slip of silver tissue, with ostrich feather trimming and sprays of silver flowers at waist line. She also wore a beautifully embroidered net veil, with clusters of orange blossoms, on either side of the head and finished with a Russian head-dress of pearls and sapphires. She carried a bouquet of large white roses and maiden-hair fern, with white satin streamers.

She was attended by Mrs. F. A. Perry (matron of honour), the Misses Peggy Sim and Eleanor Hegarty, charming little flower girls, and Miss June Perry and Master Pat Hegarty (train bearers).

Mrs. Perry was dressed in black satin with long black fringe trimming, and white embroidery, with a black cape to match, and black hat trimmed with black ostriches. The little Misses Sim and Hegarty wore shell pink Georgette frocks, with forget-me-not garlands in the hair. The train-bearers, who were even tinier, were dressed in powder blue, trimmed with shell pink. The flower girls carried bouquets of pale pink roses.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, the best man being Mr. Gilbert Travers.

A reception took place afterward at the residence of Mr. F. A. Perry, No. 300, The Peak. The happy couple will leave for Swatow in a few days. The bride's going away dress is of cinnamon brown georgette, with hat to match.

The bridegroom's presents were: To the bride: Platinum wrist watch, encrusted with diamonds; to the flower girls: a gold bracelet each; to the train-bearers; to one a gold locket and chain, and the other a pair of gold cuff links.

JAPANESE AFFAIRS.

NINE-POWER TREATIES.

"HIGHLY BENEFICIAL" TO ALL.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

Tokio, February 5. Availing himself of the third anniversary of the signing of the most important treaties at Washington, Baron Shidehara officially communicated landing results of those meetings, which "have proved highly beneficial to all parties alike," ending the menacing competition in capital ships and simultaneously finally removing all the unfounded suspicions which at one time were current regarding the acts and intentions of Japan in China and elsewhere.

Baron Shidehara pleads for a continuance of that spirit of "reason, courage and tolerance, and I may add, sympathy," which gave the Armistice Conference "a high abiding place in the annals of mankind."

Baron Shidehara expresses the hope that the procedure under the Nine-Power Treaties relative to China will be quickly completed and the treaties ratified.

Mr. Senosuke Yokota's death has aroused much speculation in the morning papers relative to political events, especially connected with the Seiyukai, of which the deceased Minister was practically the dictator.

Some of the papers are of the opinion that the way is now clear for a reunion of the two sections of the Seiyukai, which, if effected, may be regarded as likely to pre-empt the destinies of the present Coalition, and even the Ministry itself.

Owing to lack of accommodation, Ambassador Matsudaira's departure for the United States has been postponed. He will proceed to America on board the "President Lincoln," which sails on February 9.

The silk shipped per s.s. "President Madison," which sailed from Hongkong on January 10, arrived New York on February 1, having been 22 calendar days and five hours in transit.

In June next Captain E. J. A. Betham will complete three years in the adjutancy of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment at Derry; the 2nd Battalion is in Singapore. The 1st Battalion is likely to remain in the North of Ireland for a couple of years longer.

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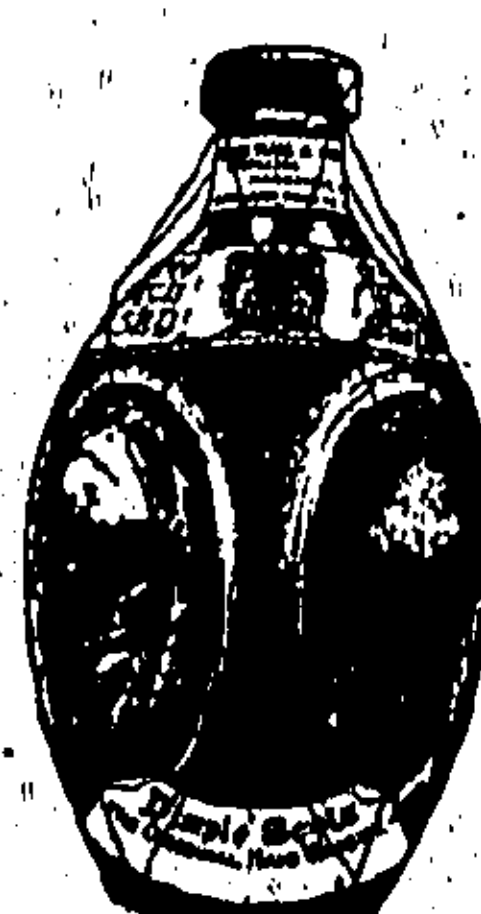
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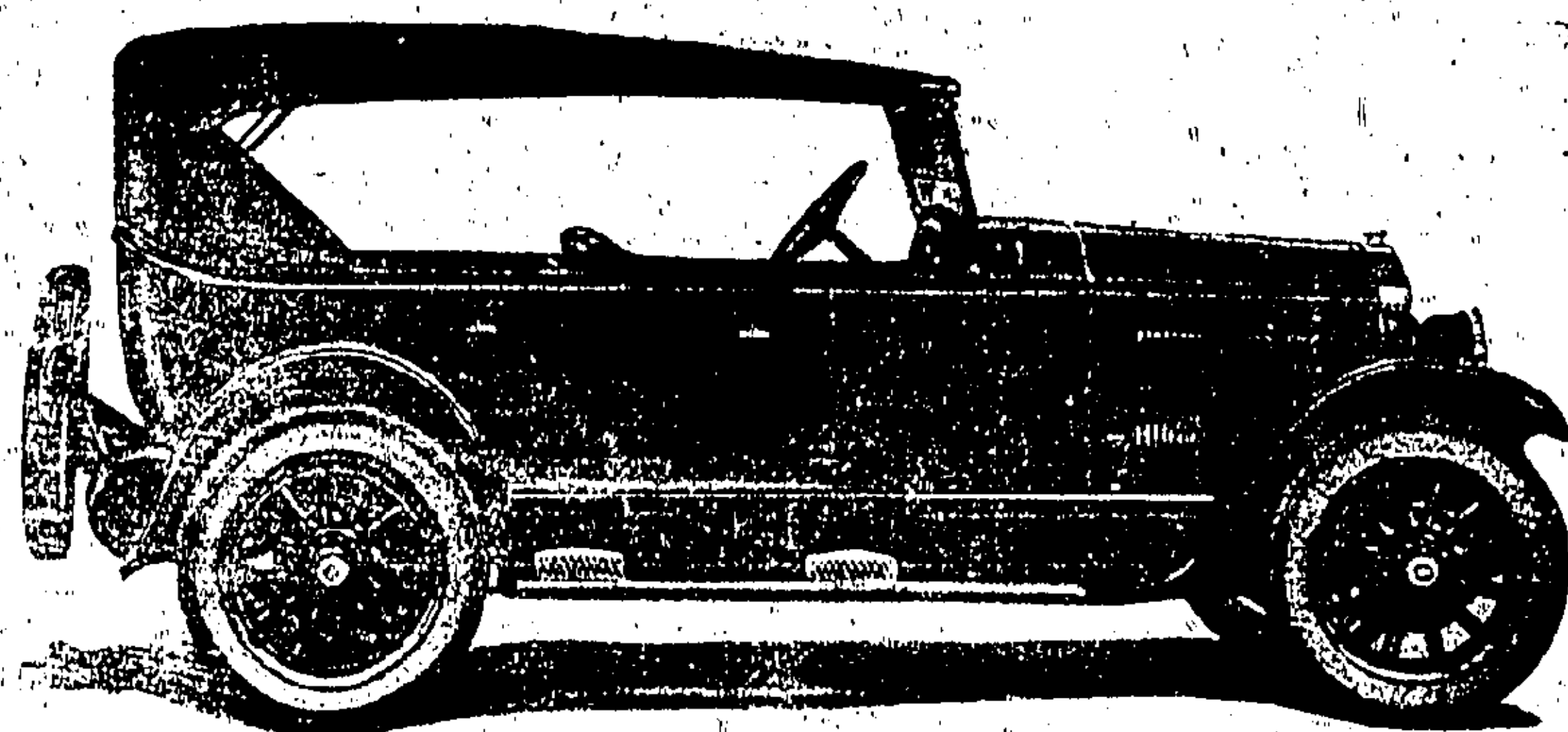
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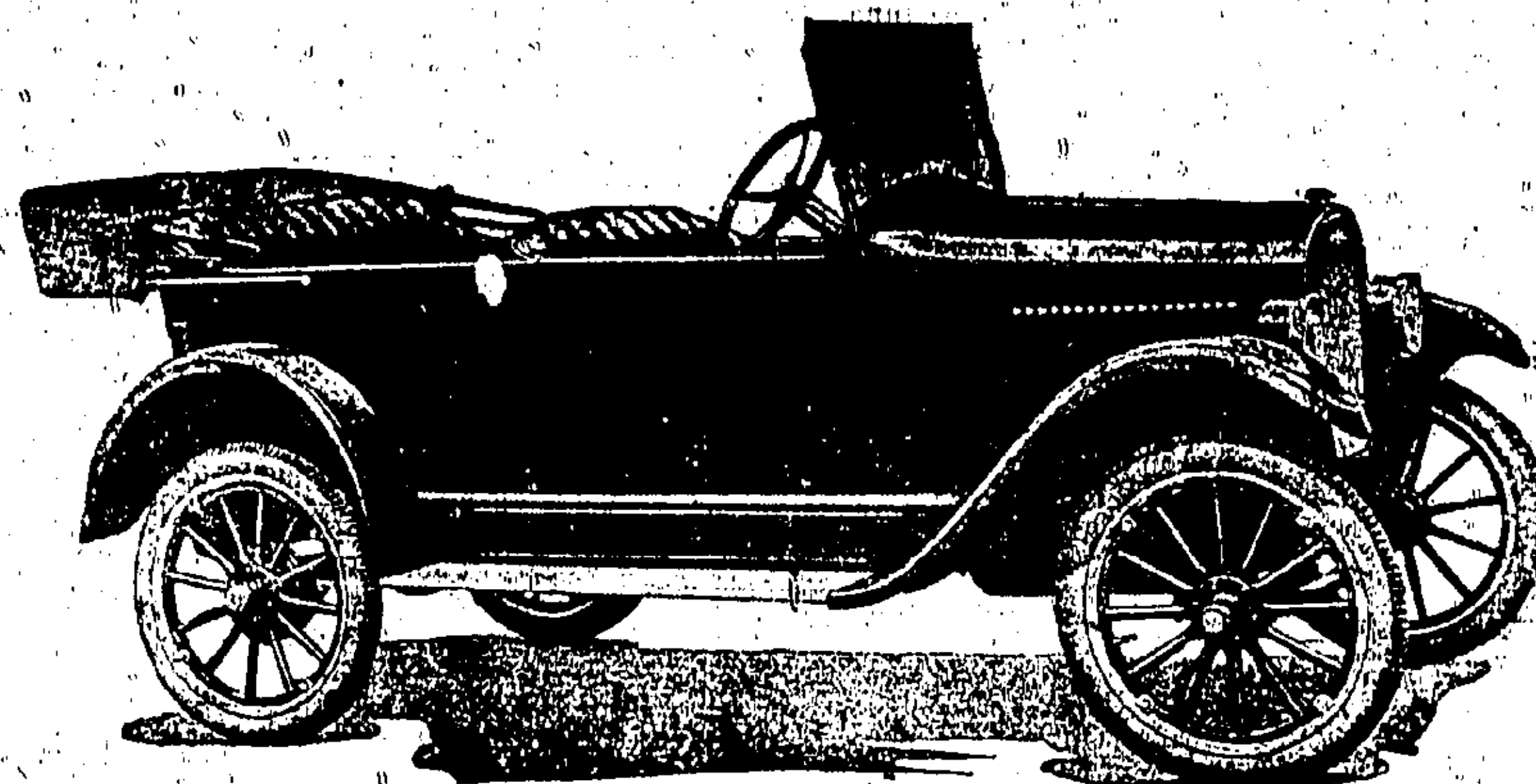
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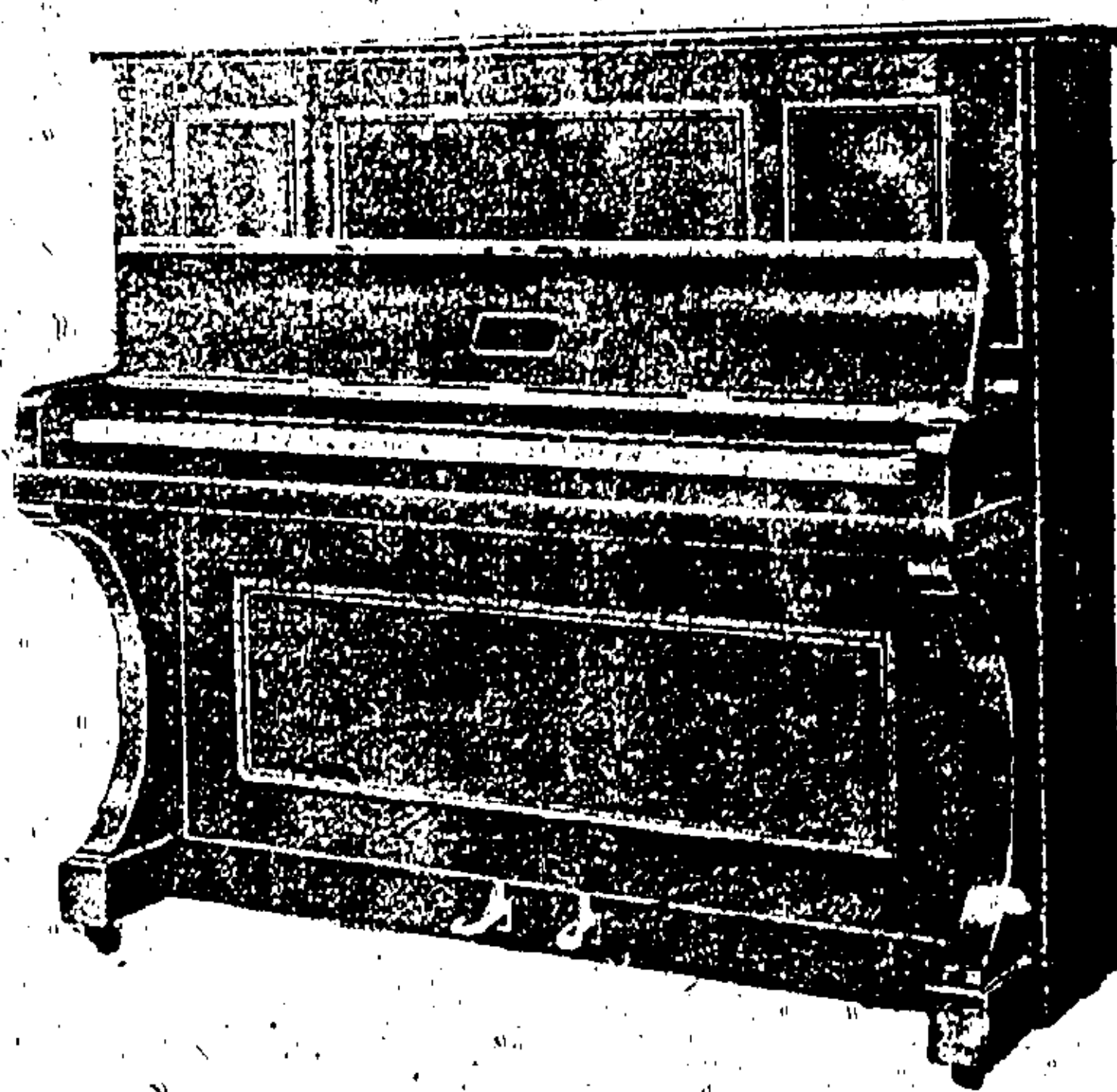
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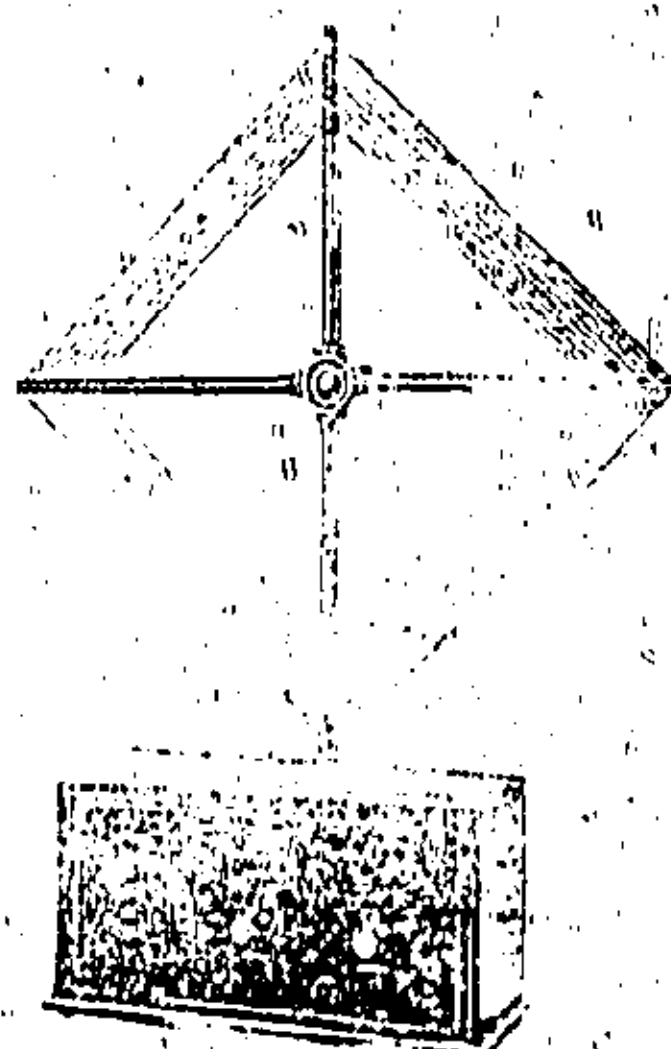
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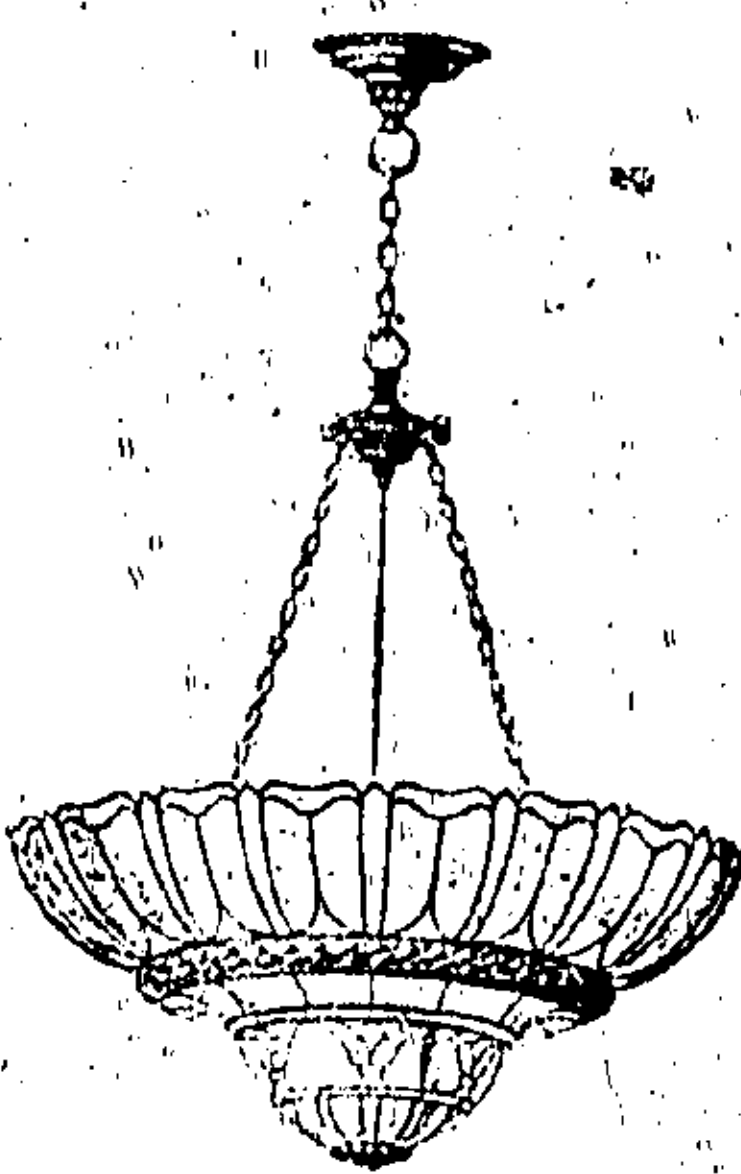
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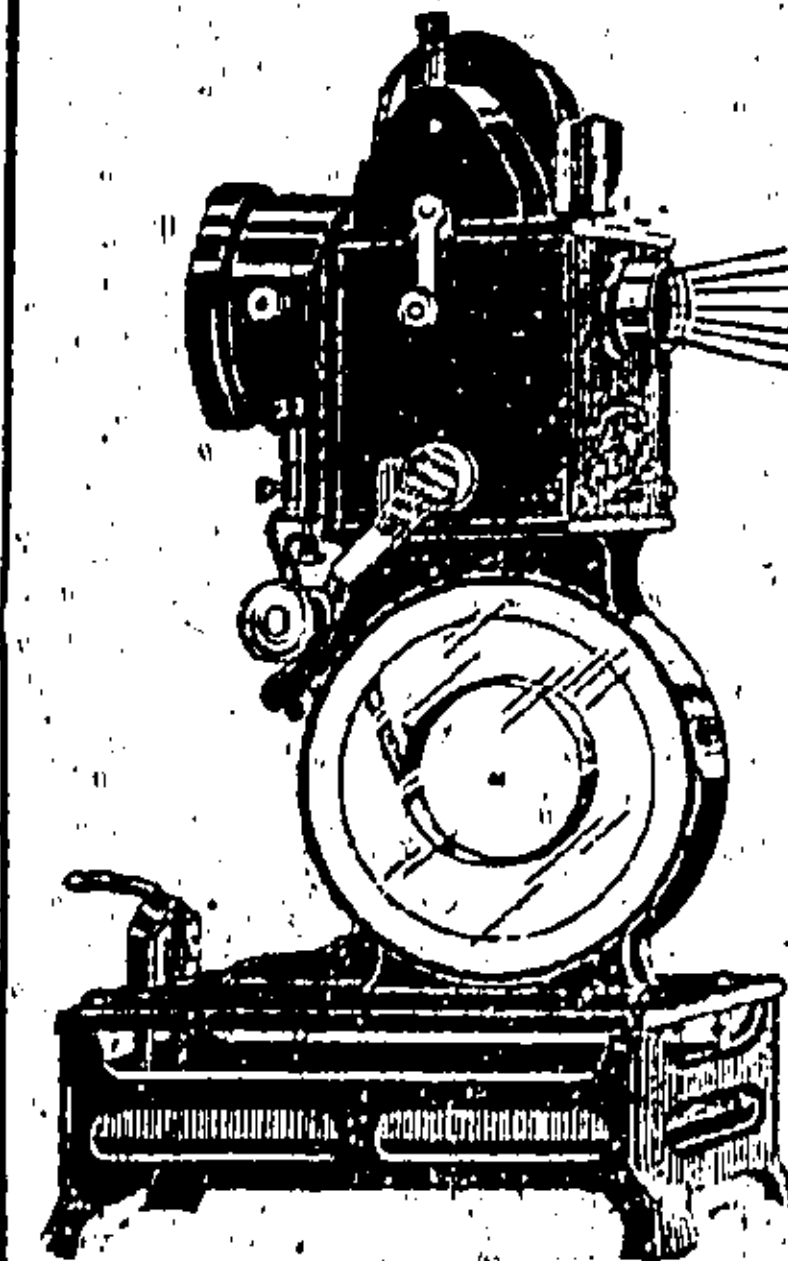
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The s.s. "Prominent" from
Saigon had a five day trip from
that port and states that she had
experienced extremely bad
weather.

One case of diphtheria
(Russian) and one case of cerebro-
spinal fever (Chinese) were
notified to the Medical Department
yesterday.

During the 24 hours ended
February 4 there were three cases
of enteric fever, reported—all
Chinese—and one case of cerebro-
spinal fever, also Chinese.

Kanjiro Shibahara, of No. 7
Queen's Road Central, has reported
to the police that bank notes to the
value of \$70 were stolen from a
locked desk between January 24
and February 4.

An Indian trader, who has now
reached Peking, reported that
when he was about to board the
train at a small station next to
Kalgan five soldiers took from him
a bag containing \$3,600.

The Government has com-
menced a new system of street-
marking which has several times
been suggested. The name of
Queen's Road Central has been
inlaid in the pavement at the
Pedder Street corner, an improve-
ment that should be of great use
to visitors.

The following notice to
mariners has been issued by the
Hongkong Harbour Office.—A
new horizontal horn has been
fitted to the Diaphone at Waglan
Island and masters of ships are
requested to report to the Harbour
Master, bearings and distances
this signal is heard.

Many more delayed arrivals
are reported to-day, ships coming
up from the south having had a
particularly bad time. The s.s.
"Patricius" had a bad passage
from Singapore and arrived yester-
day afternoon nearly two days
late. The s.s. "Clara Jensen" has
also been reported as having taken
shelter in Fan Rangh Bay on
February 1.

The new crew of the sloop
"Petersfield," of which Commander
L. A. W. Spooner is in command
on the China Station, took passage
to Hongkong in the transport
Derbyshire, sailing from South-
ampton on January 9. The
"Petersfield" is named from
Devonport. She was formerly
stationed on the south-east of
America until the withdrawal of
the squadron from that station in
1921.

At a meeting of the American
Chamber of Commerce in Peking,
it was stated that the International
Famine Relief Commission or its
subsidiary organisations have
funds in their possession for famine
prevention, and the Chamber
was unanimously of the opinion
that the funds subscribed several
years ago for famine relief be
devoted to the immediate relief of
the present famine. The resolu-
tion is to be circulated to all
American Chambers in China.

Six aeroplanes held by the
Customs authorities in Manila are
to be sold by auction. The planes
were shipped from the United
States more than a year ago, and
according to customs officials were
to be transhipped to China for use
in the civil war there. The owner
said to be a Chinese, finding that
he could not ship instruments of
war into China, decided to leave
them unclaimed. The customs
bureau has a claim of approxima-
tely \$5,000 against the airships.

Hongkong seldom furnishes
the setting for a Shanghai drama,
but such was the case last week:
it is the tale of a dog, says the
"N. C. Daily News." Nearly a
year ago an American, living in
the French Concession of robust
and well-nourished frame, and
who is commonly called by his
more intimate friends by a name,
which years ago was to be seen
every Sunday in the comic supple-
ments, lost his dog. A neigh-
bour, a kindly lady, told him
that she had seen the animal
across the Siccawei creek,
in Chinese territory, and the two
went over to rescue the children's
pet. The whole of that story never
reached the press, but the lady
having found a dog, quickly carried
it on to foreign soil, and the
gentleman, after being roughly
handled by a man, who claimed
the dog, and his friends, was
escorted to a Chinese police sta-
tion, to be rescued hours later
by the U.S. Marshal and a
Consular official. The dog proved
to be another of the same rare
species and was returned by the
children to its Chinese owner. The
mystery is now cleared up. Ten
days ago a well-known Shanghai
lady was walking with her pet
through the Hongkong Hotel
lobby. The dog saw the hotel
gentleman and deserted his mis-
tress for his former master. She
had purchased the dog from a
beggar for a Mexican dollar. The
purchase price having been refunded
to the lady the Shanghai child-
ren are now frolicking with their
long-lost pet.

Commander Rawlings, of
H.M.S. "Pegasus," and the Bri-
tish Consul-General, Mr. J.
Crosby, have been received in
audience by Governor-General
Rock, Java.

The Selangor Club's depa-
rture issue of \$20,000, for the
purpose of erecting a bungalow at
Fraser's Hill, was heavily over-
subscribed, the applications
amounting to \$90,000.

The latest geographical
variation of the local address now
comes to hand from France and
is, Singapore, Peninsula of
Malacca. Not as wide of the
mark as some but with rather a
flavour of mediaeval cartography,
about it, remarks a Singapore
paper.

An astounding report was cir-
culated in Shanghai to the effect
that some 300 Russians, most of
whom were armed, attempted to
land at the Bund when they were
discovered by the Municipal Police,
who immediately disarmed them
and placed them under surveillance.
It later transpired that these
"Russians" were round-the-world
travellers from the Red Star
Liner Belgenland which arrived
during the day and that all the
alarm was unnecessary.

Mr. Paul Dachselt, an art con-
noisseur of Teintin, had an inter-
esting though somewhat alarming
experience on his last return journey
from Peking to Teintin by rail.
He was one of the unfortunate
travellers by the train which was
held up and robbed. Mr. Dachselt,
however, suffered more incon-
venience than most of his fellow
passengers as one of the random
bullets fired to secure the occupants
of the car rebounded off the wood-
work and passed through his hat,
narrowly missing his head.

The national highway connect-
ing Yokohama and Tokio, which
has been under construction for
nearly five years, will be completed
in May of this year, it has been
announced. The road from Yokohama
to Kawasaki in Kanagawa prefec-
ture, with the exception of the
Rokugo bridge which is now under
construction, is already completed.
Within the city limits of Yokohama
and Tokio the road is to be 78 feet
wide, and in other places the width
is 60 feet. It is estimated the
total cost of the highway will be
Y3,500,000 and the Rokugo bridge
will cost an additional Y1,000,000.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. J. Sharp arrived by the
s.s. "Morea" from Shanghai.

To-day marks the third anniver-
sary of the election of Pope Pius
XI.

Mr. J. B. Easter arrived here
to-day by s.s. "Malwa" from
Singapore.

The Bishop of Victoria and Mrs.
Duppy returned from Home by
the s.s. "Malwa."

Major General C. C. Laard, C.B.,
C.M.G., the new G.O.C., arrived by
the s.s. "Malwa" from Home.

Mr. Lam Chan-wai has re-
linquished his position as Chief
Secretary of The Sincere Co.,
Limited.

A Reuter cable from London
announces that Mr. H. H.
Asquith's title will be Earl of
Oxford and Asquith.

His Excellency Sir Laurence
Guillemaud, Governor of the
Straits Settlements, has subscribed
\$250 to the "Save St Paul's Fund."

Messrs. H. Maitland and V.
Haimovitch, well-known Shanghai
jockeys, who are riding at the
Hongkong races, arrived on the
"Morea."

Mr. R. L. Moeller, of the Chinese
Y.M.C.A., left on furlough by the
s.s. "President Hayes" on Tues-
day. He was accompanied by
Mrs. Moeller and child.

A Reuter cable from Tokyo
reports that Viscount Takahashi
has been appointed to act as
Minister of Justice. He succeeds
Mr. Sennosuke Yokota, whose
death took place on Wednesday
from pneumonia.

Major General Sir John Fowler,
K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., who is
relinquishing his command as
General Officer Commanding the
troops in China, is leaving the
Colony to-morrow. He will board
the s.s. "Morea," shortly after
11 o'clock, leaving Murray Pier at
10.45 a.m. A guard of honour
will be in attendance.

The Ven. Archdeacon Moule,
who has retired after 37 years of
work at Trinity College, Ningpo,
and Mrs. Moule, are passing
through on the s.s. "Morea" on
the way Home.

The forthcoming wedding is
announced of Lieutenant Colin
Robertson More, of the Royal
Naval Reserves, Shanghai, to Miss
Dorothy Rodgers, No. 7 Queen's
Garden, The Peak.

The Victoria Diocesan Associa-
tion is collecting funds for a
wedding present to the Bishop of
Victoria and Mrs. Duppy. Lady
Seymour is the Hon. Secretary and
subscriptions are being limited to
\$5.

The "Chingpao" reports that
General Chang Hsueh Liang
arrives in Teintin to-day. Marshal
Chang Tso-lin is expected to
follow him to Teintin in a few
days, says a Reuter's message of
yesterday from Peking.

The eighteen-months-old son of
Dr. and Mrs. Thornton Stearns, of
the Shantung University School
of Medicine, died of scarlet fever
on January 16. Dr. Stearns him-
self contracted the disease and is
now confined in the University
hospital. A daughter, Ann Carolyn,
was born to Dr. and Mrs. Stearns
on January 13.

A pretty wedding was celebra-
ted last Saturday at St. Joseph's
Cathedral, Shanghai, when Mrs.
Mary Jane Morton, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Free,
was married to Mr. Sidney Adria-
mos, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Barnes Moss. The Rev. Father
McDonald, performed the cere-
mony. The bride looked charm-
ing in a smart ensemble
costume of golden brown crepe-
marocain, with a bengaline coat of
the same shade, trimmed with
kolinsky, and a hat of grosgrain
ribbon to match. Mrs. Roland
Haskell was matron of honour, Dr.
W. T. Flodley, best man, and
Messrs. F. V. Chamberlain and C. S.
Franklin, ushers. A reception
was held at the Hotel Majestic and
Mr. and Mrs. Moss left by the s.s.
"Cleveland" for Manila and Baguio
for a trip of six weeks.

Major C. Willson, O.B.E., V.D.,
First Clerk of the Hongkong
Magistracy, returned from leave
by the s.s. "Malwa." During his
stay in England he was attached
to the 2nd Field Battery, R.A.

Mr. W. B. Watson, of Hongkong,
has been elected a corresponding
member of the American His-
torical Association. Mr. Watson
was elected a member in 1907, and
the above is an additional honour,
awarded in recognition of his
historical investigations in the
Philippines since 1900.

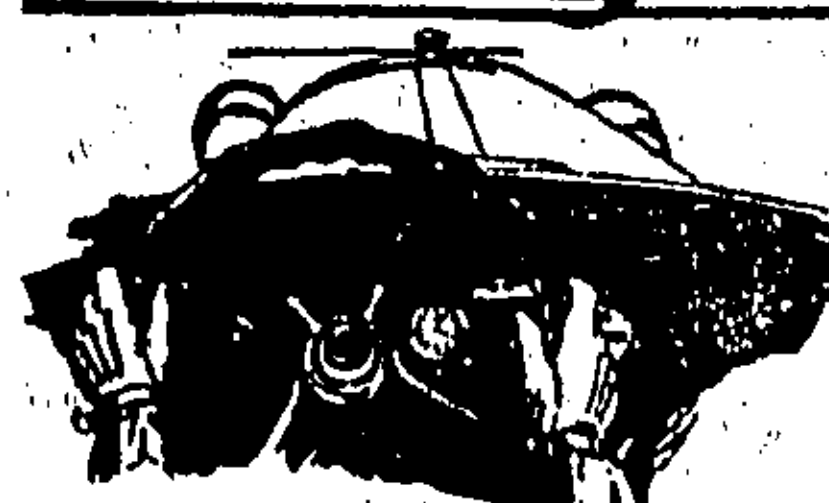
Few know that there is a
Scottish society for the prevention
of cruelty to pit ponies, and that
Sir Harry Lauder is its patron-
chief. Sir Harry, who will appear
in Hongkong on Tuesday next,
regarding the welfare of these
humble and loyal animals who
rarely see the light of day, and, in
fact, spend most of their lives un-
derground. When the great
comedian was a coal miner earning
a few shillings a week, his life
was saved by the uncanny appren-
tension displayed by one of these
ponies. Lauder was helping to
push a truck along one of the bun-
dles when the beast stopped,
shivered violently, and refused to
go on. The next minute the drive
fell in a few yards ahead, and
there is no doubt that the pony's
intuition saved Lauder's life.

About forty members of vari-
ous American organisations in
Shanghai gave a tiffin in honour
of H. B. Lane of Andersen, Meyer
and Company who is departing by
way of Europe for his home in
Scheneectady, N. Y. Mr. and
Mrs. Lane came to China in 1917,
says the "China Press," and have
become well-known in the Ameri-
can and general foreign com-
munities for their active service
in community affairs. Dr. S. A.
Lansom, president of the Ameri-
can Association, presided at the
tiffin and made a brief address
expressing appreciation for Mr.
Lane's work while in Shanghai, to
which Mr. Lane responded ex-
pressing the hope that he and
Mrs. Lane may return to Shang-
hai in the future to make their
home.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that Mr. Lam Chan Wai has
relinquished his position as Chief
Secretary of The Sincere Co., Ltd.,
and any acts by him are for his
own account for which this company
will not be responsible.
THE SINCERE CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1925.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

RUGBY CUP.

ROYAL NAVY v. CLUB
AT CLUB GROUND,
HAPPY VALLEY.

Saturday 7th inst. at 4.15 p.m.
Admiss. Non Members \$1.00
Ladies free.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF
FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES
will be held at "Volunteer" Head-
quarters on THURSDAY, 5th
March, 1925.

Entries will definitely close at
1 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 26th
February, 1925, at the Hon.
Secretary's office, but it is hoped that
intending Exhibitors will send in
their entries as early as possible.
Schedules are now being printed
and will be posted at an early date.
Members who have not yet paid
their subscription and all those who
wish to join the SOCIETY are kindly
requested to send \$5 immediately to
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ing at Messrs. Anderson's

Public Booking opens at 9 a.m. on
Monday, 9th inst.

Advance Tickets are obtainable at
Messrs. Anderson's
at \$4 each.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

[BY DUTCHIE.]

The following are the games down for decision to-morrow:

LEAGUE DIVISION I.
Surreys v. Kowloon, Sookumpoo ground.
Tamar v. R.A., Navy, "A" ground.
Kick off at 4.15 p.m. sharp.

DIVISION II.

China B v. Drums, Sookumpoo ground.
Surreys v. Sacred Heart, Navy A ground.

China A v. University, Chinese ground.
Club v. Recreio A, Club ground.

Recreio B v. Kowloon, Kowloon ground.
St. Joseph's B v. St. Joseph's A, St. Joseph's ground.

Kick off at 2.45 p.m. sharp.

According to the official fixture list the First Division fixtures finish to-morrow, but there are still a few outstanding games to be played off.

It will be noticed that the time of kick-off for February is 2.45 and 4.15 p.m. Those teams who could never parade to time during the last two months have now another fifteen minutes to try to turn out punctual. I am afraid, however, things will be just as bad as before.

I am thinking that Kowloon will not repeat last week's victory. The Surreys are suffering from injuries, but they have good substitutes, and they should win to-morrow.

Tamar, who scratched to the Police last week, are due to meet the Gunners; and a win for the latter is expected.

Drums, Surreys, China "A," Recreio "A," and St. Joseph's "A" should all win their games in the Second Division. The Recreio "B" and Kowloon match will be pretty open and a draw seems a likely result.

I am informed by the League Secretary that the Shield Competition (both Divisions) will take place next Saturday. The following will be the games:—

Senior Shield.

Club v. Chinese, Club ground.
Police v. Surreys, Kowloon ground.
Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

Junior Division.

SECOND ROUND.
China B v. Recreio "A," Chinese ground.
Recreio "B" v. Surreys, Club ground.

Kowloon v. Drums, Kowloon ground.
University v. China "A," Sookumpoo ground.

Kick off at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

League tables to date:—

First Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Surreys	11	10	0	1	20
China "A"	13	8	2	3	18
Kowloon	12	7	1	4	15
Club	12	6	1	5	13
R.A.	10	5	0	5	10
Police	14	3	3	8	9
Tamar	13	4	1	8	9
China "B"	13	0	0	13	0

Second Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Rec. "A"	11	10	1	1	29
Surreys	15	13	1	1	27
Drums	16	10	1	5	21
St. Joseph's	15	9	1	5	19
Kowloon	16	9	0	7	18
China "A"	16	5	6	5	16
Rec. "B"	16	4	3	9	11
China "B"	16	3	4	9	10
Sacred Heart	16	3	3	10	9
Club	14	3	3	8	9
St. Joseph's	15	2	5	8	9
University	15	3	2	10	8

H.K.F.C. v. RECREIO CLUB.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club Reserves in their Second Division League fixture with the Club de Recreio "A" on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday:—

F. Angus; H. Buxton and H. Oswald; D. Lyon (captain); E. Raiton and G. Funcheon; B. Bell, A. Ferguson, S. O. Hill, J. Johnstone and J. Dixon.

Reserves:—J. Douglas; E. A. Roberts and S. H. Garrod.

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A. Duncan; F. Wheeler and F. Read; A. W. Turner, C. Cavaille

and B. Pasco; C. Morris, A. Latham, J. McBride, S. Randle and S. G. Hayes.
Reserve: T. L. Knight.

RECREIO "B" v. KOWLOON.

The following will represent Kowloon F.C. in the Second Division match against Club de Recreio "B" on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.:—

C. Stewart, W. H. Parratt and W. H. Brown; A. Spary, A. W. Brown (Captain) and B. Rasmussen; V. Hast, B. Vickers, C. Millard, A. Fitzgerald, and G. Bishop.
Reserves: N. Trambitzky, G. White and G. Slipper.

FOWLER CUP.

CRACK PLAYER INJURED IN SEMI-FINAL.

Playing in the semi-final of the "Fowler" Cup yesterday, Eaton, the crack Surrey Regt. and Hongkong Interport forward, was badly injured in the ankle and was removed to Hospital.

He will probably be absent from local "soccer" for some time and his loss to the Surreys will be considerable.

Eaton turned out for No. 4 Platoon ("A" Company) against the Right Wing, Headquarters Section. After extra time, no result was reached. In the replay this morning, Right Wing won by two goals to nil.

At 4 p.m. to-day, on the Parade Ground, Right Wing meet No. 2 Platoon in the final of the "Fowler" Cup competition, for the trophy presented by the departing G.O.C.

To-morrow afternoon, the Surrey Regiment first eleven, (League leaders) meet Kowloon. Charlesworth is likely to move inside and the forward line will be made up by the inclusion of Cornwall.

In addition to to-morrow's fixture, the Surreys have to meet the Tamar and R.A. From these three games they require only one point to become League Champions for the season.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CUP FINAL TO-MORROW.

It is learned that the band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" will be in attendance during the final match for the Rugby football cup to-morrow at Happy Valley.

The charge for admission to non-members will be one dollar, ladies being free.

The selected teams are as under:—

ROYAL NAVY XV.
Telegraphist Mortimer, H.M.S. "Ambrose," Lieut. Comdr. Bower, H.M.S. "Hawkins," S. P. O. Foster, H.M.S. "Ambrose," Lieut. Comdr. Lyle, H.M.S. "Hawkins," Lieut. Montgomery, H.M.S. "Hollyhook," A. B. Dowden, H.M.S. "Hawkins," Captain Mercer, H.M.S. "Despatch," Lieut. Edmondstone, H.M.S. "Hawkins," Paymaster-Lieutenant, Hussey, H.M.S. "Hawkins," E. R. A. Woods, H.M.S. "Hawkins," Sub-Lieutenant, Gibson, H.M.S. "Hawkins," Lieut. Sherwood, H.M.S. "Titanic," Lieut. Billings, H.M.S. "Hawkins," and Supply C. P. O. Vincer, H.M.S. "Tamar."

CLUB XV.

Gawler; Skinner, Stewart, Forsyth, and Summerfield; Clerk, and Morrison; Ralston, Beveridge, Focken, Mackintosh, Russell, Jones, Hendle and Lee.

Reserves:—Forster and Lyon.
Referee: Capt. S. H. Feary, D.S.O.

CRICKET.

K.C.C. v. NAVY.

On the Kowloon ground to-morrow afternoon the K.C.C. 1st XI. are playing the Navy in the first division of the League. The K.C.C. team is:—

H. Overy (captain), J. C. Lynd, A. W. Ramsay, G. Lee, A. R. F. Raven, S. Jex, A. A. Dand, R. C. Witherell, J. C. Fletcher and F. W. Howell.

K.C.C. "A" v. C.C.C.

The K.C.C. second team, in a friendly match at Happy Valley, game against the Craigengower Cricket Club will be represented by:—

B. Petheram, O. B. Raven, J. C. Long, L. A. R. Duncan, W. F. J. Gorvin, I. J. Edwards, J. Fraser, C. J. Kew, D. B. Green, E. G. Renton, and E. G. Jordan.

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ANTI-PIRACY PLANS.

COMMENT ON THE MINORITY REPORT.

WHAT SHANGHAI THINKS.

When, in November last, the Hongkong Government announced that a committee was at long last being convened to deal further with the vexed question of piracy prevention in South China waters, and it was seen that on that Committee all of the interests directly concerned with the problem were represented (with the notable exception of H.M. Navy), there was a general hope, if not actually a belief, in shipping circles (says the "North China Daily News" of February 2) that, if freed from outside interference and left unfettered in the scope of its activities (so far as they concerned the subjugation of the South China pirate), the Committee would eventually bring about a really satisfactory scheme of piracy prevention and one which would be acceptable to all concerned.

What actually happened, as will be seen from the voluminous minority report which has been made public, was that the Committee never laboured as such, for at the very first meeting the Chairman voiced the Hongkong Government's dictum that the Committee had been convened only to consider proposals for the amendment of the existing piracy regulations and that the general question of piracy prevention apart from the regulations was not to be discussed. The membership of the Committee consisted of seven—four Government nominees, and one representative each of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the Hongkong Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and the combined Officers' Guilds. The three last-named members joined the Committee in the clear belief that the work to be done was an examination of the whole subject and an exploration of all avenues; as representing the shipowners and the personnel of the ships, they knew beyond doubt or cavil that the existing regulations (which apparently were framed without reference to those directly and vitally concerned) had been given more than a fair trial and that experience had proved that the whole system was wrong. Was it surprising, then, that their labours on the Committee would consist of nothing more important and useful than adding a few trimmings and embroideries to an unsatisfactory and unpopular set of bureaucratic regulations, they felt impelled to withdraw from the Committee at the onset and submit a minority report of their own with a definite request that it be accorded full publicity at the earliest date?

A careful perusal of that minority report, and a consideration of the whole piracy question since it first assumed serious proportions (some three years ago) brings about the following conclusions: (a) The Hongkong Government considers that the existing regulations, with a few amendments, can be made to meet the situation in a satisfactory manner. The shipowners and the officers are of opinion that the regulations are impracticable and unworkable, should be scrapped entirely and replaced by an entirely new scheme formulated by those who know their subject. (b) The Government is of opinion that the system of grilles everywhere on merchant ships is to be desired. The owners and the officers say that they are both an encumbrance and an added danger. The same remarks apply to fortified and defended parts of the ship. (c) Indian guards—there are 900 of them on British ships running from Hongkong and they cost \$270,000 a year—are considered by the Government to constitute an important, essential means of protection. The officers and the owners appear mostly to consider them an unnecessary expense, an encumbrance in that they are very unmanageable to discipline, and a danger in that they cannot always be relied on. (d) The Government is apparently satisfied with the present method of police searches on vessels leaving Hongkong. The officers and the owners consider that the system leaves much to be desired. (e) The owners and the officers, while admitting that the present convey system has not proved entirely valueless, contend that it is a serious interference with trade and that it constitutes an unfair handicap on those companies which have spent large sums in acquiring fast vessels. (The speed of any convey is necessarily limited to that of its slowest member.) (f) The owners and officers consider that allowing a reasonable time for the installation of apparatus and the training of operators, wireless on vessels in the danger zone should be made compulsory. The Government has as yet given no definite indication of its policy on the subject.

SOCIAL RESEARCH.

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY IN HONGKONG.

On Wednesday there arrived from Canton several members of the Commission on Social Research of Shanghai. The party first arrived here from Shanghai about a week ago and proceeded straight to Canton.

The party includes Professor J. B. Taylor, of the Peking University, Chairman of the Commission; Dr. Royal Meeker, formerly Commissioner of Labour Statistics in America in the late President Wilson's regime, and also Chief of Research of the International Labour Office; Dr. P. Chen, of Tsinghua College, Peking; and Mr. Gideon Chen, of the Industrial Committee of the National Christian Council.

The Commission is a privately promoted enterprise free from political and religious connections and influence. It was formed to probe the possibilities of social research in China by sounding the opinion of the people of different provinces. Leaders of all public activities, such as educationalists, merchants, labourers, and particularly private individuals interested in the problem, will be approached so as to ascertain the general feeling of the people on the question of social reforms. If any reform is suggested the Commission will find out the particular evil of which reform is desirable. The progress of the work is satisfactory. Permanent societies will be established at various places to further the work. The Commission, according to its present constitution, is a purely scientific body. It is a Commission of Enquiry formed to gather data.

The visitors called on Government officials, public bodies, and prominent residents here. Yesterday they visited the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, explaining the object of their mission and discussing the problem in Hongkong generally. The field of reform in the Colony was freely discussed, the Commission receiving much valuable information. The Commission leaves to-day to resume its tour.

The crux of the whole matter, however, and the point on which the views of the Government and the shipowners appear at present to be quite irreconcilable, is the question of the employment of Naval patrols. The Hongkong Government seems determined to continue in its policy of placing the defence of ships under the control of the police authorities; the Navy has consistently been ignored in this matter; no Naval representative was invited to serve on the Committee; and even in a raid on a pirate lair which took place some days ago near Waichow, it was a salient fact that it was not H.M. Navy which co-operated with the Chinese troops, but the Hongkong police instead. The owners and the officers want permanent Naval patrols; no less an authority than Sir Arthur Leveson has stated that they are the only remedy to the situation; and the senior Naval Officer in charge of West River Defences has stated in addition that the only alternative to the present unsatisfactory system is to have permanent patrols by armed Naval launches.

Thus we have the people who really are concerned and who really should know—the shipowners, the officers, and experienced Naval authorities—unreservedly advocating that the present system be scrapped in its entirety, that the Navy should take over all piracy prevention work on the water, and that the Hongkong Police should confine their activities in the matter of shore precautions and searches; and the Hongkong Government, in face of opposition and of the result of experience, maintaining its adamant policy of adhering to a system which indubitably has been proved unsound, unnecessarily expensive and generally unpopular. There is possibly some good reason for the stand adopted, but it is difficult to discover; though it has been suggested that the solution is to be found behind the fact that the Hongkong Government is answerable to the Colonial Office and H.M. Navy to the Foreign Office, through the Admiralty, in London. The subject, however, is too vitally important for departmental or any other considerations to bear undue influence; and if the Hongkong Government cannot or will not come out into the open and justify its present apparently unreasonable attitude, it is strongly to be hoped that the representations which we understand are likely to be made in London at an early date will result in the clearing up of a situation which should never have arisen.

LOCAL CINEMA FEATURES.

"TRIFLING WOMEN."

NEW PICTURE AT THE CORONET.

At all the sessions at the Coronet yesterday there were very large houses for the initial screening of Rex Ingram's latest photo-play, "Trifling Women." Its success will be greater before the season comes to an end, for it is as powerful and well conceived drama.

It is wonderful the number of people who believe in fortune telling, even in Hongkong, and only lately a couple of Indians have been going the rounds of the houses trying to induce the women folk to have their fortune predicted. The principal character of "Trifling Women" is Zareca, the crystal gazer, but she succeeded in causing much more harm than the extraction of a few dollars from innocents of her own sex. She exploited the masculine sex for sheer devilment—and money. But it led to the "removal" from her path of some of her admirers, and in the end proved her own undoing. Mr. Ingram has a powerful way with him in showing the strong points of a picture-story, and he is at his best in "Trifling Women."

As indicated in our last issue, the story is that of a young daughter of a nobleman who has several suitors, but trifles with them all. One of them loves her passionately, and the father favours the suit. The pair have a tiff, and to cure her, the father reads her his latest novel written about a trifling woman. The lesson suffices to cure the daughter, and she marries the man favoured by her father.

But our readers must see the actual picture itself to realise what a masterpiece it is.

"THE FAMILY SECRET."

BABY PEGGY AT THE STAR.

Admirers of the infant phenomenon of the screen, Baby Peggy Montgomery, to give her the full name under which she figures in the cast of her latest picture, "The Family Secret," will not be disappointed by a visit to the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-day or to-morrow. Certainly the little mite has never been seen to better advantage than in this moving picture version of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's popular story, "Editha's Burglar," or, as it was styled more briefly when adapted for the stage by Mr. Augustus Thomas, "The Burglar." It might have been written expressly for Baby Peggy, so thoroughly does she appear to enter into the spirit of the play. Whether the situation in which she is placed be humorous, pathetic, or dramatic, she invariably comports herself with the greatest realism and art. Not once does she convey the impression that she is playing a part.

"BEING RESPECTABLE."

AT THE WORLD THEATRE.

Phil Rosen, who directed "Being Respectable," appearing at the World Theatre to-day, not so many years ago, was about as far away from the motion picture business as one could possibly imagine. He was a clerk in Siegel-Copier's great New York department store. It was the sheerest chance that sent him to the motion picture studios of the old Edison company to work on a motion picture projecting machine.

This new director's real arrival, however, dates only a few months. The production of "The Dramatic Life of Abraham Lincoln" was undertaken on the Pacific Coast and Mr. Rosen was given the opportunity to direct it. He made good with a vengeance—and his contract with Warner Bros., for whom he has directed "Being Respectable," was used after a number of other producing companies had made him, flatteringly offers.

"Being Respectable" is the photo-play version of Grace H. Flandrau's popular novel.

MORALS v. MANNERS.

AN ALICE LAKE FILM.

Alice Lake is to be seen in a new role at the Queen's Theatre to-day when the new Metro special, "The Mist Wife" will be the feature.

"The Mist Wife" is a young Western man who marries into a wealthy Eastern family, a family excessively careful of its manners, its accent and its traditions. The little Westerner discovers the family is not quite as careful of its morals. Her husband's young step-mother, who has scored her as "the mist," has been carrying on an affair with a man about town. The young wife, in an effort to save her, is caught in a compromising position.

Others in the cast include Forrest Stanley, Jack Livingston, Graham-Pettie, Edward Martindel, Frederick Vroom, Billy Gattager, Jim Blackwell, Leola Lovaide, and Helen Pillsbury.

HORTICULTURE.

GROUSE AGAINST WEATHER CLERK.

THIS YEAR'S SHOW.

The success of last year's Show and a satisfactory financial position with which to start the new year were referred to at the annual meeting, yesterday afternoon, of the Hongkong Horticultural Society over which Mr. J. A. Plummer presided at the request of the retiring President, Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

The Chairman referred to the substantial credit balance of \$1,638.35 in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, and said that it was more than double the usual carry forward. They were fortunate last year in obtaining four new life members, and while he hoped they would get as many more this year, it must be remembered that this income was not recurrent. He thought that life membership subscriptions, which equalled 20 ordinary subscriptions should be treated as reserve and placed on fixed deposit.

The Show last year was held at the Volunteer Headquarters, and it was demonstrated in many ways that that site was probably the most convenient they had yet obtained. He was pleased to tell them that they had the promise of the ground again this year. (Applause). On the whole the Show last year could be reckoned a success, although entries were fewer and they had the usual "grouse" against the "clerk of the weather" who was responsible for many empty spaces on Show benches. He hoped that this year they would be more fortunate, and that they would have record entries. The Show, this year would be held on March 5.

Before concluding he recorded thanks to Lt.-Col. Bird and officers for use of the Volunteer Parade Ground, the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Superintendent of Botanical Gardens, Mr. L. Gibbs, and all those ladies and gentlemen who so willingly rendered assistance in various capacities last year, as well as to those who so generously contributed to the prize fund, and he felt sure that they could rely on them again for the same generous support. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Justice Gompertz seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

OFFICERS FOR 1925.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin proposed the election of Mr. J. A. Plummer as President for 1925 and in so doing congratulated Mr. Ho Kom-tong and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. G. Hornell, on the very successful past year.

Mr. Gibbs seconded the proposal. Mr. Plummer, in reply, expressed his desire to do all he could to help the Society.

Other officers elected for the year were: Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. G. Hornell; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Piercy; General Committee, Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Dyer and Messrs. H. Green, Choa Po-sien, E. L. Sim, F. P. de Vosses, J. P. Robinson, and Ho Kom-tong.

Before the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Dowbiggin moved a vote of thanks, which was heartily carried to the retiring President and outgoing Committee for the work they had done during the year.

SHANTUNG RAILWAY.

AGITATION AGAINST THE MANAGEMENT.

(By Courtesy of "Daily Bulletin.")

TSINGTAO, February 5.
The intense agitation against the Shantung Railway management, arising from the discharge of some Shantung natives, culminated to-day in the removal of the managing director, Kan Tao, by order of the Ministry of Communications.

Kan Tao, who accompanied Sun Fo to Tsinan early in the week, was greatly embarrassed by a demonstration of 1,000 agitators carrying banners demanding the ousting of the management, and he speedily returned to Tsingtao.

Kan Tao leaves to-morrow for Peking for assignment to another post.

It is reported that Chang Tsung-chang demanded \$500,000 from the railway management in the event of refusing to comply.

REORGANISATION.

KUOMINTANG LEADERS IN PEKING.

PEKING, February 5.
The Chief Executive, Tuan Chih-shan, will shortly entertain the Kuomintang leaders with a view to explaining the objects of the Reorganisation Conference and removing misunderstandings between the Provisional Government and the Kuomintang.

It is officially announced that Reorganisation Conference will meet on February 7, when the regulations governing the procedure will be passed, and the first business meeting will take place on February 9.—Reuter.

TURKEY'S FIAT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 5.

Fathi Bey, the Premier, in a statement delivered in the Assembly with regard to the expulsion of the Greek patriarchy, declared that Turkey did not desire to disturb the peace but she was not able to admit foreign intervention in affairs concerning her sovereign rights and prerogatives. "Should our independence be attacked," he said, "we will have immediate recourse to measures to safeguard our rights and honour, and, if necessary, we shall employ force of arms, but the Government, while maintaining a vigilant attitude, hopes that the nervousness of Greece will be replaced by calm."

A secret session of the Assembly followed, at which the Commissar of Foreign Affairs, (General Ismet Pasha) made a statement.—Reuter.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 6.—Coronet Theatre; "Trifling Women."

February 6.—Star Theatre; "Family Secrets."

February 6.—World Theatre, "Being Respectable."

February 6.—Queen's Theatre, "The Mist Wife."

February 9.—"St. Joan" in aid of St. Paul's Cathedral Restoration Fund, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

February 10.—E. J. Carroll presents Sir Harry Lauder, at Theatre Royal.

February 10.—Mr. Edgar Warwick presents Wish Wynnie at Star Theatre.

February 25, 26, 27, and 28.—H.K.A.C.C. presents the great farcical comedy, "French Leave," at Theatre Royal.

SOCIAL.

February 6 & 21.—Peak Club, fortnightly dances, 9.15 p.m.

February 7.—Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.

February 9.—Second Communists Union Social at St. Andrew's Church Hall.



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Master of Ceremony.



W. T. GALLIER

William T. Gallier, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal American National Bank of Washington, has been appointed by President Coolidge to be Chairman of the Inaugural Committee and will superintend all arrangements for the March 4 inauguration of Mr. Coolidge.



MRS. MARY CLARK & BILLY HARTMAN

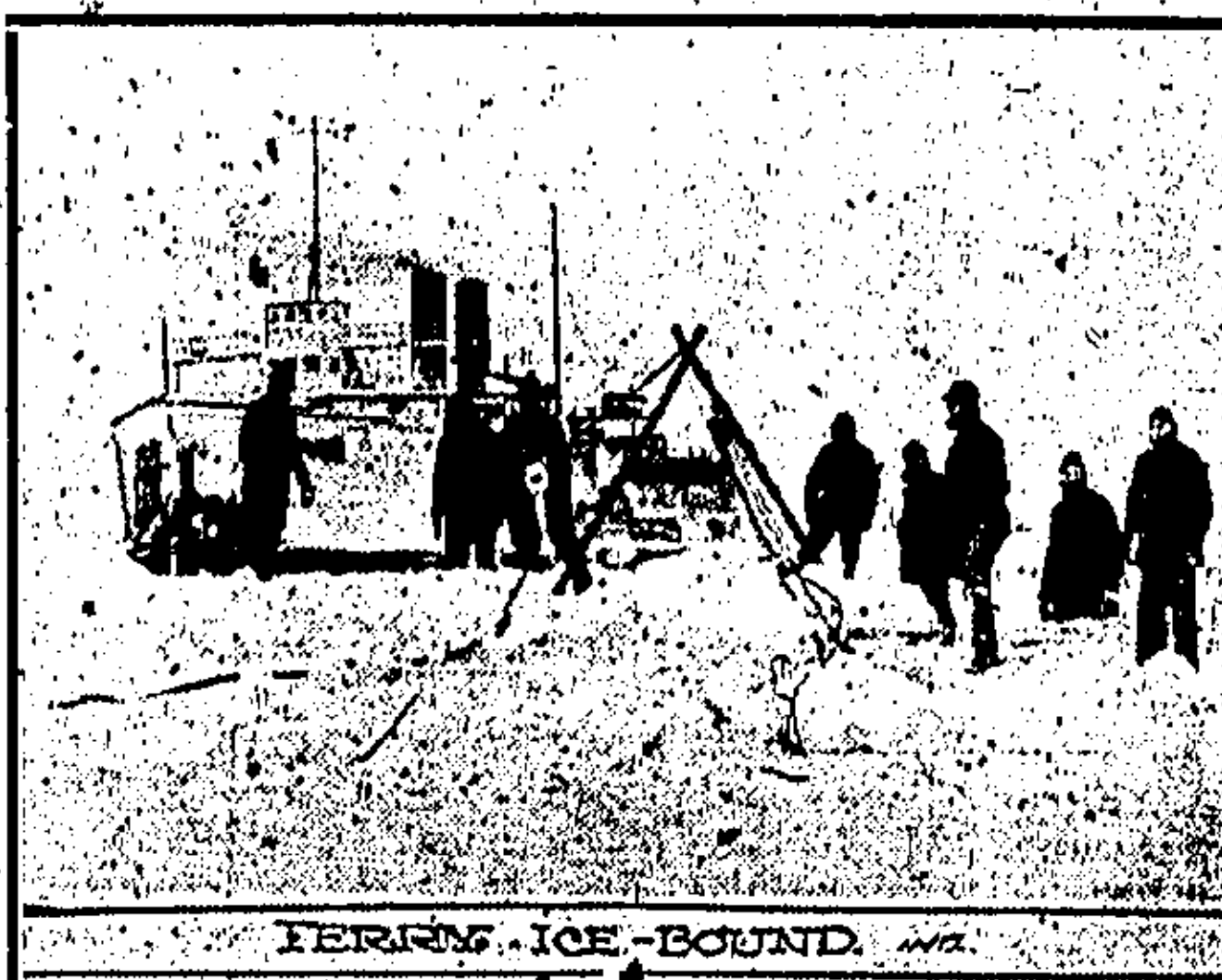
"Mrs. Mary Clark, was carried along semi-conscious for twelve miles on the cowcatcher of an express train after the engine had rammed the motor car in which she was riding. Her presence of mind in setting the iron rods saved her life. She suffered only from exposure as a result of her terrible ride. One woman was killed in the smash but baby Billy Hartman miraculously escaped with a few bruises.



MRS. ESTHER W. BROOKS

Mrs. Esther Wexler Brooks, concert pianist, married Arthur Brooks, as the result of a dinner flirtation. He told her he was a motion picture impresario, but decamped with her savings.

ATTEMPT TO FREE ICE-BOUND FERRY



Coast guardsmen tried vainly to free a Lake Michigan ferry boat which ran aground during a storm at the entrance to Grand Haven, near Grand Rapids. Passengers were taken off, but before the boat could be moved a veritable sea of ice had formed around it.



RAISSA SUITS

"Tired of his vanity," Raissa Suits, actress, has brought an action for separation from her husband. She told the judge her husband spent so much money for beauty treatments that there was little left for her support.



PROF. JULIUS HUXLEY

Professor Julius Huxley, grandson of the great Thomas Huxley, is engaged in tests in his laboratory at Museum, Oxford, intending to prove—theoretically, at least—that it is possible to predetermine sex. He has prophesied that a method of sex predetermination will be completed within the next half century. Then, as he says, the problem to face science will be: What is to be done with the method?

Assault Mystery.



MRS. CLAIRE WILLIAMS

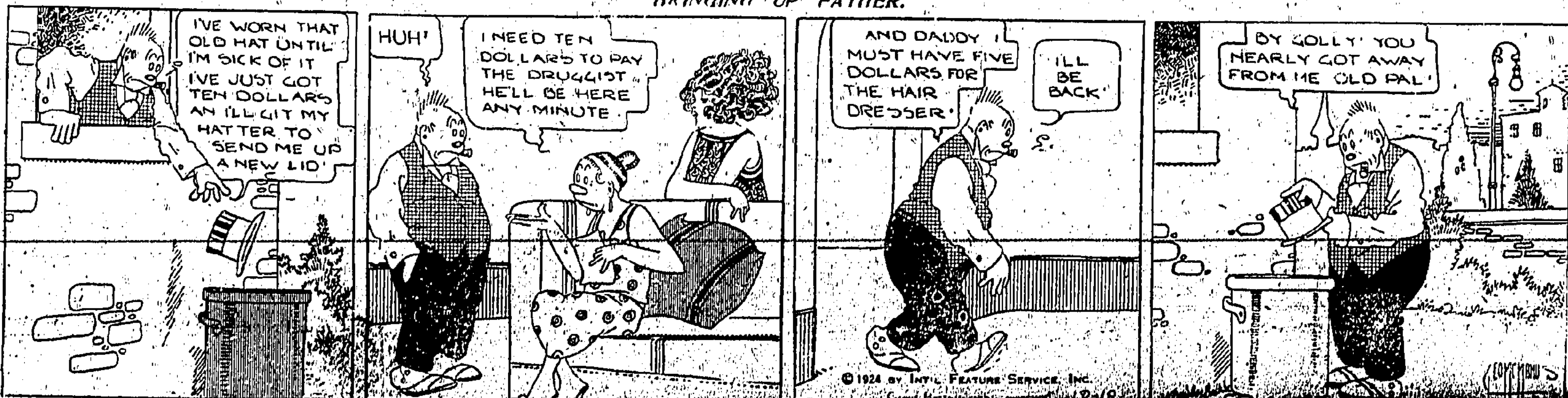
Much mystery surrounds the maiming of Mrs. Claire Williams, thirty-two, leading Los Angeles modiste. As she stepped from a street car a man and two women approached her, calling her by name. "Here is a bottle of your favorite perfume," the man declared, as he crashed a large bottle of carbolic acid on her head. She was found two hours later, half a mile from her home, her clothing in shreds from the acid and her entire body badly burned.



PRINCE ZERDECHO & MARY MILES MINTER
WILLIAM H. ANDERSON & H.C. CROSSLAND

The desire of Mary Miles Minter, screen star, to escape publicity received another jolt when a \$10,000 slander suit, filed by her former cook, Katherine Herby, came up for trial in Los Angeles. William H. Anderson, former superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, recently released from State's Prison for forgery, received an ovation when he attended services in the Central Methodist Church, of Yonkers. H. Crossland Pfaff, engineer claims to have invented a lightweight steam power plant of high pressure for aviation use that will ensure non-stop flights across the Atlantic at will. "His Royal Highness, Prince Zerdecho," sometimes self-styled "Emir of Kurdistan," has been ordered to be deported from the United States for assuming false titles.

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